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18 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
19 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

20 SAEED AZIZI,

21 Plaintiff,

22 vs.

23 ELDORADO RESORTS CORPORATION, a
24 Florida Corporation; MICHAEL MARRS;
25 BRUCE POLANSKY; KRISTEN BECK;
26 DOMINIC TALEGHANI; JAMES GRIMES;
27 and DOES 1-50, inclusive,

28 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:15-cv-00755-RFB-PAL

29 **STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**
30 **GOVERNING THE**
31 **CONFIDENTIALITY OF**
32 **INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN**
33 **THE CONSOLIDATED CASES**

34 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), L.R. 6-2, and L.R. 7-1, Saeed Azizi, together with
35 Defendant Eldorado Resorts Corporation (“ERC”) and, to the extent they remain as Defendants in
36 this case, the Individual Defendants Michael Marrs, Kristen Beck, and Dominic Taleghani (the
37 “Individual Defendants”) (together, “Defendants”), hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

38 Plaintiff is expected to and has requested confidential, non-public, trade secret and/or

1 proprietary information and documents from ERC related to its business operations, including, but
2 not limited to, sales reports, information that may contain customer information, including
3 customer names, addresses, and financial information, and other information that may include
4 disclosure of information related to ERC employees, who are not, and are not expected to be,
5 parties to this action. ERC considers this information and these documents to be private and
6 confidential.
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8 Discovery in this case will require the production of documents, inspection of tangible
9 things, the answering of Interrogatories and Requests to Admit, and the taking of oral and/or
10 written depositions, during which the aforementioned proprietary, trade secret, confidential and/or
11 private information and documents of the parties will be exchanged and disclosed. To expedite the
12 flow of discovery, facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality, and to protect
13 adequately material entitled to be kept confidential, the parties agree to limit the disclosure and use
14 of proprietary, confidential, and private information and documents as stipulated, pursuant to this
15 Protective Order on the following terms:
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17 **I. DEFINITIONS**

18 The following definitions shall apply to this Protective Order:

19 A. The “Actions” shall refer to all cases made a part of this consolidated action, as
20 outlined in the Proposed Stipulation and Order to Consolidate Related Matters for
21 Discovery, Initial Motion Practice and Other Related Scheduling Dates (see Dkt. #
22 40 in *Ledvina v. Eldorado Resorts Corporation*, et al., Case No. 2:14-cv-01414-
23 RFB-PAL (“Dkt. # 40”)) in the United States District Court for the District of
24 Nevada and any appeal thereof through final determination.
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26 B. “Producing Party” shall mean any person or entity producing documents,
27 information or other materials in the Actions, including any Party to the Actions or
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1 any third parties.

2 C. "Party" shall mean the Plaintiffs and Defendants in the Actions as defined in
3 Section I(A), and any other person that may become a named Party to the Actions.

4 D. "Confidential" information shall be defined as such documents, deposition
5 testimony or other information disclosed during discovery in the Actions which the
6 Producing Party or another Party reasonably and in good faith contends contains
7 information that should be protected from disclosure pursuant to this Protective
8 Order. Any Party may designate any information or documents as Confidential in
9 the reasonable exercise of such Party's sole discretion; provided, however, by
10 agreeing to this Protective Order, no Party waives the right to challenge any other
11 Party's designation of any information or document as Confidential.

12 E. "Legend" as used herein shall mean a stamp or similar insignia stating Confidential.

13 F. When reference is made in this Protective Order to any document or Party, the
14 singular shall include the plural, and plural shall include the singular.

15 G. "Attorneys' Eyes Only" shall mean only to be reviewed by counsel of record.

16 **II. DESIGNATION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS**

17 A. When any document or things produced under this Protective Order are designated
18 Confidential, a Legend shall be affixed to the first page and all pages containing
19 information for which the Producing Party seeks protection. When information
20 produced in answer to an Interrogatory, or response to a Request for Production or
21 Request for Admission is designated as Confidential, the response or answer shall
22 be preceded with the appropriate designation.

23 B. Some documents being produced by both Plaintiff and Defendants may contain
24 social security numbers of Plaintiff and/or ERC's employees. Without need of any
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1 designation, social security numbers will be deemed to be Confidential. In the
2 event a document is produced without the redaction of a social security number, any
3 Party seeking to use the document will make every effort to redact the social
4 security number before its use in a deposition, court proceeding or court filing.

5 C. The initial failure to designate information or documents as Confidential in
6 accordance with this Protective Order shall not preclude the Producing Party from,
7 at a later date, designating any information or documents as Confidential. The
8 Producing Party may, by written notice to counsel of record for the receiving Party,
9 designate previously produced information or documents as Confidential, which it
10 had inadvertently failed to designate. Upon receipt of such notice, the receiving
11 Party shall promptly mark its copies of the information or documents so designated,
12 and shall thereafter, treat the information and documents as if it had been designated
13 Confidential and shall restrict the disclosure or use of the information or documents
14 in accordance with this Protective Order. If the information or documents have
15 previously been disclosed to non-parties, the Parties shall take reasonable steps to
16 obtain all such previously disclosed information or documents and advise the non-
17 parties to treat the designated materials in a manner that is consistent with this
18 Protective Order and as though the information and documents were originally so
19 designated.

20 **III. LIMITATIONS**

21 A. This Protective Order shall govern only documents, information and materials
22 generated or produced in response to any method of discovery conducted by any
23 Party to the Actions, and used in the prosecution and defense of the Actions.
24 B. Persons obtaining access to Confidential information under this Protective Order
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1 shall use the information only for the preparation of and the trial in the Actions.
2 Persons shall not use such information for any other purpose, including business,
3 commercial, personal, administrative or judicial proceedings.

4 C. Nothing contained in this Protective Order shall require any Party to treat as
5 Confidential documents or information lawfully obtained by means other than
6 through discovery in the Actions and under circumstances that would lead a
7 reasonable person to conclude that the documents or information were not intended
8 to be kept confidential by the recipient; provided, however, that nothing in this
9 Protective Order shall authorize any use of documents or information which is
10 otherwise impermissible.

12 **IV. PERMISSIBLE DISCLOSURES/ACCESS**

13 Except as set forth herein, Confidential information, and any facts or information contained
14 therein or derived therefrom, shall be disclosed only to the Court on the condition that the Court
15 enters an order similar to this Protective Order and/or to: (a) the Parties in the Actions, including
16 their agents, officers, directors and employees, but only to the extent that such disclosure is
17 necessary for the conduct of litigation in the Actions; (b) outside counsel for the Parties hereto and
18 their agents, employees, paralegals, or other secretarial and clerical employees or agents; (c)
19 experts, independent contractors, consultants, or advisors who are employed or retained by, or on
20 behalf of, one or more of the Parties to the Actions or their counsel to assist in preparation of the
21 Actions for trial; (d) deponents and their counsel who have a need to review this material during
22 the course of, or in connection with, depositions taken in or for the Actions; (e) stenographic
23 reporters who are involved in depositions, the trial or any hearings or proceedings before the Court
24 in the Actions; (f) people who have previously received or created the document; and (g) witnesses
25 in the Actions who need to review this material in connection with their testimony in the Actions.
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1 Confidential information may be disclosed to persons listed in this paragraph only after such
2 person has been shown a copy of this Protective Order and agrees to be bound by the terms of this
3 Protective Order in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. ~~In the event an authorized person does~~
4 ~~not execute Exhibit A expressly agreeing to be bound by the Protective Order, the Parties and the~~
5 ~~Court will nevertheless deem the authorized person to be so bound.~~
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7 **V. DECLASSIFICATION**

8 Unless and until otherwise ordered by the Court, or otherwise agreed by the Parties, all
9 documents and other discovery materials designated Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only shall be
10 treated as such under this Protective Order. In the event that any Party objects to the designation of
11 any document, the objecting Party may seek modification of the designation or the disclosure of
12 the redacted information in accordance with the following procedure:

13 A. At any time, the receiving Party of any document or information designated
14 Confidential may notify the Producing Party, in writing, that the receiving Party
15 does not concur in the designation or redaction. The Parties shall attempt to resolve
16 such challenges informally. In the event that such attempts are not successful, the
17 receiving Party may file a motion seeking to remove the designation as confidential,
18 and the Court shall make an independent determination as to whether or not any
19 given document or information is Confidential and/or properly redacted based upon
20 facts then existing, and in so doing, the Court shall not be bound by any Party's
21 designation; provided, however, that such documents or discovery material shall be
22 deemed Confidential unless and until the Court rules otherwise. The Party or entity
23 making the designation must show that there is good cause for the document or
24 information to have such protection.

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1 B. ~~In the event that any Party files a motion to remove a designation or redaction of~~
2 ~~information, the document or information shall be submitted to the Court for *in*~~
3 ~~camera inspection.~~

4 **VI. DESIGNATED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN DEPOSITIONS**

5 A. In the case where Confidential information or documents are used or revealed
6 during a deposition, designation of the transcript or any portion thereof, including
7 the designated documents or other exhibits, as Confidential, may be made by a
8 statement by a Party, counsel or the witness on the record, so that the stenographer
9 transcribing the deposition can affix a Legend to the cover page and all appropriate
10 pages of the transcript and to each copy thereof for dissemination to counsel and in
11 compliance with this order.

12 B. A Party or a witness may designate a deposition or trial transcript, or a portion
13 thereof, disclosing, containing or referring to any Confidential information or
14 documents as "Confidential" by informing counsel for all other Parties to this
15 Action in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of the transcript as to the
16 specific pages and lines deemed Confidential, and thereafter such pages and lines
17 shall constitute Confidential information or documents pursuant to this Protective
18 Order. Upon receipt of such notice, any Party in possession of copies of the
19 transcript with the designated pages and lines shall affix the appropriate Legend
20 thereto. During the 30-day interval following receipt of a transcript, the transcript
21 shall be treated as Confidential.

22 **VII. DESIGNATED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN BRIEFS**

23 In the event that any Confidential document or information, or information derived
24 therefrom is included with, or the contents thereof are disclosed in any documents filed with the
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1 Clerk of this Court or any other court, including, without limitation, any pleadings, motion papers,
 2 briefs or deposition transcripts, such documents shall be filed under seal ~~in an envelope bearing the~~
 3 words: ~~“Confidential pursuant to Protective Order entered by the Court on [date] 2016,” or filed~~
 4 ~~through the Court’s ECF system under seal and, subject to the Court’s convenience and needs, kept~~
 5 ~~under seal by the Clerk until further order of the Court. The Party who has designated such~~
 6 ~~materials as Confidential shall within 10 business days thereafter submit a motion to the Court to~~
 7 ~~sustain the sealed status of such materials, a failure to do so may constitute a waiver of such~~
 8 ~~designated status.~~

10 **VIII. DESIGNATED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN THE RECORD OF THE**
 11 **ACTION**

12 Confidential information or documents may be offered in evidence at any hearing or the
 13 trial in the Actions, provided that the Parties have met, conferred and agreed in advance of the
 14 hearing and/or trial as to how the information or documents will be used, including, by way of
 15 example, requesting that the Court designate that portion of the transcript containing the Parties'
 16 discussion of the Confidential information or documents as confidential and maintain it under seal,
 17 only to be produced to the Parties' at their request. If the Parties cannot agree about how the
 18 information or documents will be used during a hearing, before or at the time of the hearing, the
 19 Party designating such Confidential status may move the Court for an order that the evidence be
 20 received *in camera* or under other conditions to prevent unnecessary disclosure. If such a motion
 21 is made regarding evidence to be introduced at the time of trial, then the Party designating such
 22 Confidential status shall notify opposing counsel and the Court of its intent to make the motion
 23 sufficiently in advance of and outside the presence of the jury so that counsel has the opportunity
 24 to object to the evidence and/or an opportunity to seek appropriate protection from the Court
 25 outside the presence of the jury and before the information or documents are offered into evidence
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 Parties
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1 in open court. The Court will then determine whether the proffered evidence should continue to be
 2 treated as Confidential and, if so, what protection, if any, may be afforded to such information at
 3 the hearing.

4 **IX. SUBPOENA BY COURT OR OTHER AGENCIES**

5 If at any time any document or information protected by this Protective Order is
 6 subpoenaed by any court, administrative or legislative body, or is requested by any other person or
 7 entity purporting to have authority to require the production of such information, the Party to
 8 whom the subpoena or other request is directed shall immediately give written notice thereof to
 9 any Party which has designated such information Confidential. The Party that received the
 10 subpoena shall object to production under Rule 45, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any
 11 similar rule protecting the production of Confidential documents in that proceeding. After receipt
 12 of the notice specified under this Paragraph, the designating Party shall be responsible for
 13 obtaining any order it believes necessary to prevent disclosure of documents designated, and the
 14 Party to whom the referenced subpoena or other request is directed shall produce such document or
 15 information only upon an order issued by a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction requiring
 16 such production.

17 **X. CLIENT CONSULTATION**

18 Nothing in this Protective Order shall prevent or otherwise restrict counsel from rendering
 19 advice to their clients and, in the course thereof, relying generally on examination of stamped
 20 Confidential information or documents; provided, however, that in rendering such advice and
 21 otherwise communicating with such clients, counsel shall not make specific disclosure of any items
 22 so designated except pursuant to the procedures in Paragraph IV above.

23 **XI. COPIES OF DESIGNATED INFORMATION**

24 The attorneys of record are responsible for employing reasonable measures, consistent with

1 this Protective Order, to control duplication of, access to, and distribution of copies of Confidential
2 information. Parties shall not duplicate Confidential information or documents except working
3 copies and for filing in Court under seal. All copies of any Confidential information or documents
4 shall be treated as provided in this Protective Order. Any Party making, or causing to be made,
5 copies of any such documents shall make certain that each such copy bears the appropriate Legend
6 pursuant to the requirements of this Protective Order.
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8 **XII. NO WAIVER**

9 A. No Confidential information or documents shall lose such status under this Order as
10 the result of the use of such information or documents in any hearing, trial, or other
11 court proceeding in this Action, provided that such use is consistent with the terms
12 of this Protective Order. Counsel to the Parties in the Actions shall confer at least
13 five (5) days before any such hearing, trial, or other court proceeding in order to
14 work out any objections to the use of any Confidential information or documents in
15 such court proceeding and to make such amendments to this Stipulated Protective
16 Order which the Parties agree are necessary to assure the continued confidentiality
17 of such information.
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19 B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all objections as to
20 admissibility in evidence of the discovery material subject to this Protective Order
21 are reserved and are not waived by any terms of this Protective Order. The use of
22 Confidential information and documents as evidence at trial shall be subject to this
23 Protective Order unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties or modified by the Court.
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25 C. The inadvertent disclosure of Confidential information and documents shall not,
26 under any circumstances, be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any Party's
27 claims of confidentiality.
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1 D. The inadvertent production of any document or other information during discovery
2 in the Actions shall be without prejudice to any claim that such material is
3 privileged, prohibited or protected from disclosure as privileged or work product,
4 and no Party shall be held to have waived any rights by reason of such inadvertent
5 production.

6 **XIII. NON-TERMINATION**

7 The termination of proceedings in the Actions shall not relieve the Parties from the
8 obligation of maintaining the confidentiality of all information and documents produced and
9 designated pursuant to this Protective Order, unless the Parties otherwise agree or the Court orders
10 or permits otherwise. Upon the final disposition of the Actions, all information and documents,
11 including any summaries or abstracts of materials, however maintained, shall be kept completely
12 confidential. Counsel for either Party may use the Confidential information and documents only
13 for the purpose of defending ethical charges or professional malpractice charges, and may not use
14 Confidential information or documents in any subsequent lawsuit, except for those responses to
15 discovery requests propounded in other related Actions as outlined in the Proposed Stipulation and
16 Order to Consolidate Related Matters for Discovery, Initial Motion Practice and Other Related
17 Scheduling Dates (*see* Dkt. # 40) in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.
18 However, the actual admissibility and use of said responses in the related Actions shall be
19 determined on a case-by-case basis.

20 **XIV. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED MATERIALS**

21 A. The inadvertent production of information that is subject to a claim of any privilege
22 or other protection as trial-preparation material shall not constitute a waiver of any
23 privilege or protection, provided that – consistent with the provisions of Fed. R.
24 Civ. P. 26(b)(5) – the Producing Party notifies the receiving Party in writing of the
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1 inadvertent production as soon as practicable following the Producing Party's
2 discovery of the inadvertent production.

3 B. Following the Producing Party's written notice of the inadvertent production, the
4 receiving Party shall promptly return, destroy, or delete from its databases all copies
5 of the specified information and shall make reasonable efforts to retrieve the
6 information if the receiving Party previously provided the information to third
7 parties.

8 C. The receiving Party shall not assert a claim or argument in this or any other court or
9 legal proceeding that the Producing Party's act of inadvertently producing the
10 information constituted a waiver of the Producing Party's privilege or other
11 protection over the information.

1 D. If there is a disagreement as to whether the specified information is privileged or
2 subject to protection, a motion may be filed with the court only after the parties
3 have met and conferred and attempted to resolve their disputes without
4 court intervention. The burden is on the party claiming privilege or
5 protection to support its claim(s). Until the court makes a determination of
6 the privileged or protected status of the information, the receiving party
7 shall not use in any way (including, but not limited to, using the information
in depositions or at trial) nor disclose the information to other parties.

8 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

9 DATED this 4th day of February, 2016.

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17 **ORDER**

18 AS MODIFIED BY THE COURT, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

21 February 8, 2016

22 DATED

1 **EXHIBIT A**
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UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT REGARDING
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

3 I hereby state that I have read and received a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order
4 Governing the Confidentiality of Documents and Information (the "Order") in *Chaveratana*
5 "Susie" *Ledvina vs. Eldorado Resorts Corporation, et al.*, Case No. 2:14-cv-01414-RFB-PAL,
6 which case is currently pending in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada (the
7 "Court"). I understand the terms of the Order, agree to be bound by those terms, and consent to the
8 jurisdiction of the Court with respect to enforcement of the Order.
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11 Signature

12 Printed Name:

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